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ON RETURNING BONN, I WAS TOLD FRENCH AT LAST TRIPARTITE MEETING HAD INFORMALLY ASKED CLARIFICATION ON FOLLOWING SPECIFIC POINT. FRENCH QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE GDR REPRESENTATIVES ARE TO BE CONSIDERED SOVIET AGENTS IN EVENT SOVS DO NOT EXPLICITLY ACKNOWLEDGE AGENCY RELATIONSHIP WITH GDR.

WOULD OUR ANSWER BE CORRECT IF WE INTERPRET PARA 5 OF DEPTCL 2780, MAY 15, 1959, AS MEANING THAT IF SOVS TRANSFER JURISDICTION ACCESS CONTROL POINTS TO GDR, AND UNLESS SOVS EXPLICITLY REPEAT EXPLICITLY REJECT AGENCY RELATIONSHIP, WE ARE IN FACT READY DEAL WITH GDR ON ACCESS MATTERS EXACTLY ON SAME BASIS AS WE HAVE WITH SOVIETS?

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